



Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry announces the launch of his presidential campaign for the 2016 elections, Thursday, June 4, 2015, in Addison, Texas. Perry opened his second bid for the Republican presidential nomination Thursday, pledging to "end an era of failed leadership" and hoping this campaign will go better than his last one. (AP Photo/Tim Sharp)

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## China suspected in massive US federal personnel data breach

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — China-based hackers are suspected of breaking into the computer networks of the U.S. government personnel office and stealing identifying information of at least 4 million federal workers, American officials said Thursday.

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement that data from the Office of Personnel Management and the Interior Department had been compromised.

"The FBI is conducting an investigation to identify how and why this occurred," the statement said.

The hackers were believed to be based in China, said Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican.

Collins, a member of the Senate intelligence committee, said the breach was "yet another indication of a foreign power probing successfully and focusing on what appears to be data that would identify people with security clearances."

A U.S. official who declined to be identified said the data breach could poten-

tially affect every federal agency. One key question is whether intelligence agency employee information was stolen.

"This is an attack against the nation," said Ken Ammon, chief strategy officer of Xceedium, who said the attack fit the pattern of those carried out by nation states for the purpose of espionage.

The Office of Personnel Management is the human resources department for the federal government, and it conducts background checks for security clearances. The OPM conducts more than 90 percent of federal background investigations, according to its website.

In November, a former DHS contractor disclosed another cyberbreach that compromised the private files of more than 25,000 DHS workers and thousands of other federal employees. DHS said its intrusion detection system, known as EINSTEIN, which screens federal Internet traffic to identify potential cyber threats, identified the hack of OPM's systems and the Interior Department's data center, which is shared by other federal agencies. □

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## US might deploy missiles in Europe to counter Russia

ROBERT BURNS  
AP National Security Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration is weighing a range of aggressive responses to Russia's alleged violation of a Cold War-era nuclear treaty, including deploying land-based missiles in Europe that could preemptively destroy the Russian weapons.

This "counterforce" option is among possibilities the administration is considering as it reviews its entire policy toward Russia in light of Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine, its annexation of Crimea and other actions the U.S. deems confrontational in Europe and beyond.

The options go so far as one implied — but not

stated explicitly — that would improve the ability of U.S. nuclear weapons to destroy military targets on Russian territory.

It all has a certain Cold War ring, even if the White House ultimately decides to continue tolerating Russia's alleged flight-testing of a ground-launched cruise missile with a range prohibited by the treaty. Russia denies violating the treaty and has, in turn, claimed violations by the United States in erecting missile defenses.

It is unclear whether Russia has actually deployed the suspect missile or whether Washington would make any military move if the Russians stopped short of deployment. □



Soldiers prepare to destroy a ballistic SS-19 missile in the yard of the largest former Soviet military rocket base in Vakulenchuk, Ukraine. The Obama administration is weighing a range of aggressive responses to Russia's alleged violation of a Cold War-era nuclear missile treaty, including deploying land-based missiles in Europe.

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# Perry, Bush Officially Enter Presidential Campaign

**Associated Press**

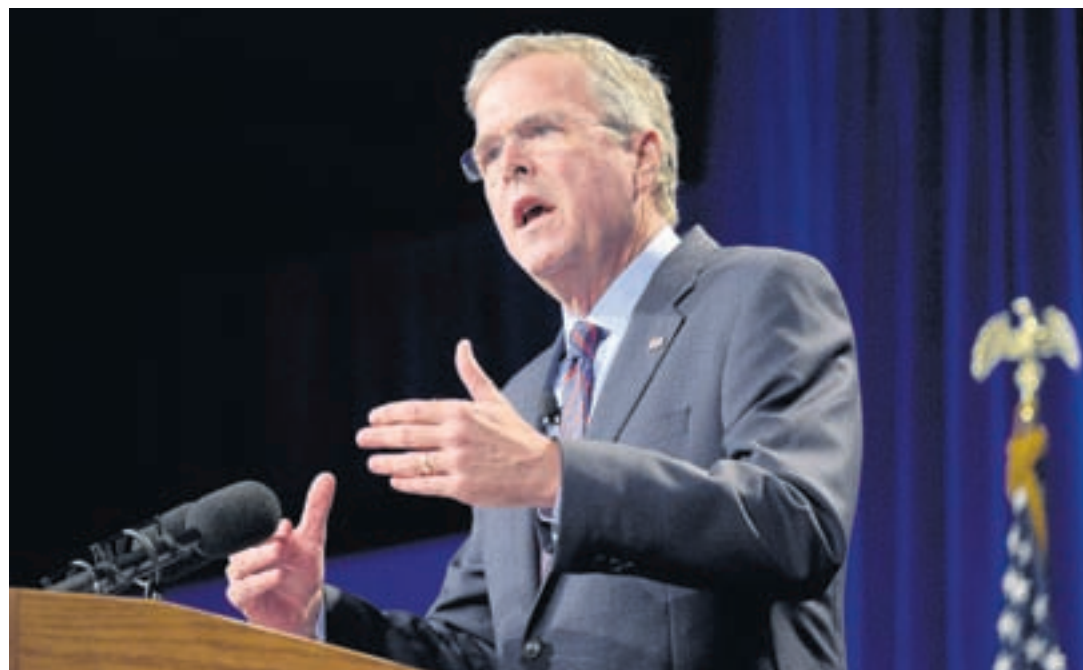
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Jeb Bush stepped into the Republican race for U.S. president on Thursday, finally taking his place — after months of hints and relentless fundraising — amid an unwieldy field of Republican candidates unlike any in recent memory.

The son of one president and brother of another, the former Florida governor has the rank of front-runner and the donors to match. He now has eight months before the first votes are cast in the Iowa caucuses to prove he's worthy of both. "It's as wide-open a race as we've seen in a long time," said Republican strategist Kevin Madden, who described Bush as the "technical front-runner" in a field that stands at 11 major declared candidates.

Among them: former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who returned Thursday to presidential politics four years after his 2012 presidential bid ended in disaster, vowing during his own campaign kickoff to "end an era of failed leadership."

While both men were widely expected to enter the race, which got its unofficial start when Bush said in December he was exploring whether to seek the Republican nomination, the confirmation from aides that Bush will indeed run is nonetheless a defining moment for the Republicans. The son of George H.W. Bush and younger brother of George W. Bush, he is a favorite of the Republican establishment, the experienced and well-connected party faithful who have showered the 62-year-old with money, staffing talent and encouragement in recent months.

His decision ensures the possibility of a general election showdown between two political dynasties as Hillary Rodham Clinton seeks the Democratic nomination. Senior aides confirmed that Bush, who left the Florida governor's mansion in 2007, will enter the race June 15 during an event at Miami Dade College. They spoke on condition of anonymity so as not to take the edge off



**Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush speaks in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Bush stepped into the Republican race for U.S. president on Thursday.**

(AP Photo/Phelan M. Ebenhack)

his formal announcement. "I want to be the guy to beat," a confident Bush said while campaigning in Florida earlier this week. The Republican contest now features candidates of different generations, races and genders, whose policy prescriptions are far from monolithic and whose personalities often clash. There are more to come:

four sitting governors — Wisconsin's Scott Walker and New Jersey's Chris Christie, among them — are likely to join the race before the Republicans' first presidential debate in August.

"Everyone is bunched together in the polls, and no one candidate in particular has emerged as a clear leader in the early state contests," Madden said.

Perry opened his campaign in a fight for relevancy among the many Republicans trying to knock Bush from his front-runner position. Despite his record as Texas' longest-serving governor, Perry may struggle to reach the polling threshold that will decide the 10 candidates who will take part in the party's first debate on Aug. 6. □

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## Republican-led House votes against easing travel to Cuba

**ANDREW TAYLOR**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

House Republicans voted Thursday to keep restrictions on Americans seeking to travel to Cuba, a setback to Obama administration efforts to ease the five-decade Cold War standoff.

The Republican-controlled chamber voted 247-176 to keep a Cuba-related provision in a transportation funding bill. The provision would block new rules issued in January that would significantly ease travel restrictions to Cuba and allow regularly scheduled flights for the first time.

The administration rules lifted a requirement that U.S. travelers obtain a license from the Treasury Department before traveling to Cuba. Instead, all that is required is for travelers to assert that their trip would

serve educational, religious or other permitted purposes.

The White House has threatened to veto the bill, in part because of the Cuba-related provision. The measure is also caught in a battle between Republicans controlling Congress and the White House and its Democratic allies over spending levels for domestic agencies.

The White House has issued a blanket veto threat against every Republican spending bill, and Senate Democrats weighed in on Thursday with explicit promises that they will delay the measures and block them from reaching Obama's desk.

The Republican-backed Cuba provision is the handiwork of Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, a Cuban-American Republican from the Miami area. □



# Police confirm Pam Geller was initial target of terror plot



In this May, 2015 photo, Pamela Geller speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in New York. Boston police said Thursday, June 4, 2015 that Usaama Rahim, shot to death Tuesday, Jun 2, 2015 by terror investigators who had him under 24-hour surveillance, initially talked about killing Geller before deciding to target police officers.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

## DENISE LAVOIE

### AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — The family of a Boston man shot to death by terrorism investigators was shocked by allegations that he planned to kill police officers, and saw no signs that he had become radicalized, their attorney said Thursday. Ronald Sullivan, a Harvard Law professor, said Usaama Rahim's family considered him "an energetic young man trying to make his way in this world" and saw no behavior or changes in demeanor that would lead them to suspect he would espouse violence. Surrounded by Rahim's brothers, mother and wife on the sidewalk where Rahim was shot, Sullivan said

they hope to work "productively and cooperatively" with investigators in a "joint effort to search for the truth."

"Let me be clear: The family is not making any substantive claims at this time about what happened in this case," Sullivan said. He said the family planned to view a video of the shooting later Thursday, but said that may not tell the whole story. Rahim, 26, was fatally shot Tuesday after investigators said he refused to drop a military-style knife as they sought to question him about "terrorist-related information." Police have said the video shows officers backing up and Rahim moving toward them before they fired.

Sullivan said Rahim's brother Ibrahim Rahim, a well-known imam in Boston, regrets posting a Facebook message based on incorrect, third-hand information claiming that his brother had been shot three times in the back.

"We now know we simply did not have all the facts at that time," Sullivan said. Police Commissioner William Evans said Rahim had talked about beheading blogger Pamela Geller before deciding to target police officers. "There was some mention of that name," said Evans, who dismissed the idea as "wishful thinking" while speaking on the "Today" show.

A Muslim leader said Thursday that his killing by Boston Police and the FBI was reckless and unnecessary. Imam Abdullah Faaruuq, who is close to the Rahim family, said he believes they wanted him dead.

"You can capture elephants, lions and tigers without killing them," Faaruuq said. "The intent was not to capture him and keep him alive."

Faaruuq said Rahim had been under surveillance for nearly three years, but he's not convinced, based on what law enforcement officials have released, that it was warranted.

He also noted that the family had difficulties trying to bury their son because at least one cemetery re-

fused to accept his body because he was a suspected terrorist. The funeral service and burial will be held Friday but the family is keeping it private, he said. Geller wasn't surprised that she may have been a target. She's a combative personality known for provoking Muslims by campaigning against a mosque near the World Trade Center site in New York, sponsoring inflammatory advertisements and organizing Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas.

"They want to make an example out of me to frighten the rest of the US into silence and submission," Geller wrote in an e-mail to the AP on Thursday. "This is not about me. This is about whether the US will stand

for freedom or submit and cower before violent intimidation." Authorities invited Rahim's family to see the police video of the shooting that they already showed to Faaruuq and other community leaders. The FBI said Rahim and his nephew, David Wright, plotted to commit some kind of attack, and that Rahim ordered three large knives on Amazon.com a week earlier. Rahim's phone conversations and movements were being closely monitored, and some partial transcripts were included in an FBI affidavit, but nowhere in the documents made public thus far is there evidence that he or Wright actually used the word "beheading." □

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## Ex-bishop's drunken-driving trial postponed until September

**BRIAN WITTE**  
**Associated Press**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — A judge on Thursday postponed the trial of a former Episcopal bishop charged in the drunken-driving death of a bicyclist to give attorneys more time to work on a plea deal. Heather Cook's trial was scheduled to start Thursday, but Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Wanda Heard granted her attorney's request for a postponement after Cook waived her right to a speedy trial. The trial is now set for Sept. 9. David Irwin, Cook's lawyer, told reporters he was in the "earliest of plea considerations" and has spoken "very, very briefly" with prosecutors.

"We would hope that we could resolve the case without trial for everybody's sake, most importantly the Palermo family's sake," Irwin said, referring to the family of victim Tom Palermo. "To go through the trauma of a trial, my client certainly doesn't want to have to put them through that." Alisa Rock, the sister-in-law of the victim, said that she had been told by prosecutors to expect a postponement but that she was still disappointed by the delay. "We're just looking forward to having Bishop Cook held accountable for her actions and to find justice for Tom, Rachel, Sadie and Sam," Rock said, referring to the victim, his wife and



**David Irwin, an attorney for former Episcopal Bishop Heather Cook, center, talks to reporters after her trial was postponed on Thursday, June 4, 2015 in Baltimore. Cook is charged in the drunken-driving death of bicyclist Tom Palermo in December. Attorney Jose Molina, who also is representing Cook, is standing at left.** (AP Photo/Brian Witte)

the couple's two young children, who are 6 and 4 years old, respectively.

Rochelle Ritchie, a spokeswoman for the state's attorney's office, declined

to comment. She said the postponement was at the request of defense and wouldn't comment further on the delay. Cook pleaded not guilty and is free on \$2.5 million bail. She resigned from her post with the Episcopal Church, and church officials revoked her clergy credentials. Cook faces charges of vehicular manslaughter, drunken driving and distracted driving stemming from a Dec. 27 crash. Prosecutors say Cook was drunk and texting when she fatally struck Palermo, 41, on his bicycle. Cook had been the second-highest ranking Episcopal leader in Maryland. □

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## 2 brothers pardoned from death row

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**Associated Press**

**RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP)** — Two brothers, one of whom spent three decades on death row, were pardoned Thursday in the 1983 rape and killing of a girl, clearing the way for them to receive \$750,000 in compensation from the state. Gov. Pat McCrory's pardons for Henry McCollum and his half brother Leon Brown happened after a

judge vacated their convictions and ordered their release in September, citing new DNA evidence that points to another man killing and raping 11-year-old Sabrina Buie. Defense attorneys say the brothers were scared teenagers who had low IQs when they were questioned by police and coerced into confessing. McCollum was then 19, and Brown was 15. Current Robeson County

District Attorney Johnson Britt, who didn't prosecute the men, has said he's considering whether to reopen the case and charge the other man, whose DNA was found on a cigarette butt recovered from the crime scene. The cigarette butt was recently tested as part of an investigation by the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission, a one-of-its-kind investigative panel. □

## Victim at hearing for UVA killing suspect

**MATTHEW BARAKAT**  
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**FAIRFAX, Va. (AP)** — A woman who authorities say was sexually assaulted by the same man charged with killing a University of Virginia student came face to face with the man in a Fairfax courtroom. The encounter was brief,

and the woman's testimony was focused on a narrow legal question. But it provided a preview of the courtroom drama expected next week, when a jury trial will begin for 33-year-old Jesse Matthew. Matthew, of Charlottesville, is charged in Fairfax with abducting and sexu-

ally assaulting the woman who testified at Thursday's pretrial hearing. The hearing was to determine whether the woman's ability to identify Matthew as her attacker had been corrupted by pretrial publicity in which Matthew's face has been shown repeatedly. □





## AP: Barnard College says to admit transgender women

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Barnard College has decided to admit transgender women, becoming the latest women's college to issue a new policy acknowledging the fluidity and complexity of gender.

The policy, announced Thursday, says Barnard will consider applicants "who consistently live and identify as women." That excludes transgender men, or applicants born female but identifying as male. The decision is an attempt to balance Barnard's identity as a women's college with what the school calls "recognition of our changing world and an evolving understanding of gender identity."

Though it won't consider transgender men for admission, the school announced that the decision wouldn't impact students who transition while already enrolled. The decision makes Barnard the latest prominent women's college — and last of the traditional Seven Sisters schools — to update its admissions policy. In the last nine months or so, each institution has come up with a slightly different formula. Barnard's president, Debora Spar, led a monthslong exploration of the issue with her community, including five town halls (and one virtual town hall) for students, faculty or alumni, and an online survey that drew more than 900 responses.

"As expected, a wide range of passionate and deeply held beliefs were discussed and debated," Spar and board of trustees chairman Jolyne Caruso-FitzGerald wrote in a joint letter Thursday, following the board vote a day earlier.

"But on two main points, the responses were compelling and clear. There was no question that Barnard must reaffirm its mission as a college for women. And there was little debate that trans women should be eligible for admission to Barnard."

In excluding trans men, Barnard's policy is in line with that announced recently by Smith College. A broader policy was embraced by Mount Holyoke College, which decided last fall to consider both trans women and trans men for admission.

The series of new policies comes as transgender issues have taken a prominent place in the cultural conversation — none more obviously than the widely covered, widely discussed transition of Bruce Jenner to Caitlyn Jenner. Other recent examples: Actress Laverne Cox of "Orange Is the New Black" appearing on a Time magazine cover touting "The Transgender Tipping Point," and the Golden Globe-winning TV show "Transparent," starring Jeffrey Tambor as a trans woman. □



Derek Martinez listens during a ceremony to receive a citizenship certificate at the Bronx Zoo, in May 2015, in New York. Twenty five children, whose immigrant parents were naturalized recently, participated in a ceremony to receive the certificates from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

## Poll: Majority of Americans back legal status for immigrants in US illegally

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A majority of Americans support allowing immigrants living in the country illegally to stay and be granted legal status, according to a new poll released Thursday.

The survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that 72 percent of Americans support legal status for such immigrants. The survey results come at the beginning of the 2016 presidential campaign, in which immigration is expected to be a key point of debate.

The poll found that 56 percent of Republicans agree that immigrants living in the U.S. illegally should be

able to stay — so long as they meet certain criteria. The poll question did not specify what those requirements might be.

The Pew survey also found that about half of Americans think a lot more can be done to secure the nation's border. Border security is a common starting point among many Republicans for any plan to overhaul the country's immigration system.

While 63 percent of Republicans also said they believed immigrants in the country illegally are a burden on the country, the Pew survey also suggests there is a growing divide between Republican voters and Republican lawmakers. Researchers found that only 34 percent of

Republicans and Republican-leaning independents said the party is adequately representing their views on illegal immigration.

About half of Democrats, and those who lean left, say that party is doing a good job representing their view on the issue.

Support for allowing immigrants in the country illegally to stay can vary depending on how survey questions are worded. A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that about half of Americans and a third of Republicans support either a path to citizenship or legal status, but that survey did not specify that immigrants must "meet certain requirements" to qualify, as the Pew survey did. □





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## US regulators warn: Ads for reverse mortgages can mislead

**MARCY GORDON**  
AP Business Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — We've seen the TV ad pitches from celebrities like "The Fonz" Henry Winkler and actor and ex-senator Fred Thompson, touting the benefits of reverse mortgages for older homeowners. Now U.S. regulators are warning: Don't be fooled. Many ads don't tell the whole story about reverse mortgages.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Thursday that a study it conducted with older homeowners found they were given the false impression by the ads that reverse mortgages are a government benefit and ensure consumers can stay in their homes for the rest of

their lives.

The agency said people should be aware of the risks of reverse mortgages, which are loans for homeowners 62 or older that must be repaid with interest and can deplete seniors' funds.

Seniors taking out reverse mortgages can even lose their homes. About 10 percent of borrowers end up defaulting on their reverse mortgages, according to the agency — roughly double the rate of conventional home mortgages.

A reverse mortgage allows borrowers to receive cash or a line of credit tapping the accumulated equity in their homes.

Seniors often take out the loans to help pay off credit card bills or remodel their kitchen. The loan isn't paid

down in monthly installments. The loan balance increases and comes due when the borrower dies, moves or sells the home, or defaults on other obligations such as insurance or taxes.

Most of the mortgages are insured by the Federal Housing Administration. But they aren't a risk-free government benefit, a false impression that the CFPB found was given by the reverse mortgage advertising.

Most of the 97 different TV, radio, print and online ads reviewed by the CFPB failed to mention the risks of reverse mortgages, the agency said.

"Or, if they did, they were so buried in the fine print that consumers did not pick up on ... key aspects



This photo shows a house for sale in Culver City, Calif. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Thursday that a study it conducted with older homeowners found they were given false impressions by ads touting the benefits of reverse mortgages.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut)

of the loan," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a conference call with reporters. "Indeed, many reverse mortgage ads did not even mention anything about interest rates, repayment terms or other crucial requirements of the loan." Cordray said the regulators are especially concerned because reverse mortgage

es are complicated and are marketed to older homeowners, a group known to be vulnerable to deceptive advertising or pitches. As part of its review, the CFPB interviewed around 60 homeowners aged 62 and older in focus groups and in individual interviews in Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. □

## Average U.S. rate on 30-year mortgage stays at low 3.87%

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates were flat to slightly lower this week, remaining near their highest levels so far this year.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was unchanged from a week earlier at 3.87 percent. The rate on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages slipped to 3.08 percent from 3.11 percent. Despite their climb in recent weeks during the height of the spring home buying season, mortgage rates remain low by historic standards. A year ago, the average 30-year rate was 4.14 percent and the 15-year was 3.23 percent.

Mortgage rates have risen in recent weeks amid signs of improvement in the economy. The economic strength has sparked speculation among investors that the Federal Reserve could move soon to raise short-term interest rates, after keeping them near zero for more than six years. As a result, bond prices have fallen, pushing bond yields higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.33 percent Wednesday from 2.13 percent a week earlier. The 10-year note traded at 2.31 percent Thursday morning. Mortgage rates often follow the yield on the 10-year note, so they could trend higher. □



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# Greece to bundle its June IMF payments together

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece pulled the emergency cord Thursday in its fraught bailout talks, opting to bundle together its four payments due to the International Monetary Fund this month into one on June 30 — a course last followed three decades ago by Zambia.

The delay is allowed under IMF rules, but provides a stark sign of how Greece is struggling to make ends meet without the vital rescue loans that have been withheld since last summer, as Athens and its creditors fail to agree on economic reforms.

The move follows the failure of radical left Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to break the stalemate with creditors at a late-night meeting with European Commission head Jean Claude Juncker and the top official representing Greece's peers in the eurozone. The talks will resume "within coming days," officials said.

On his return to Athens, Tsipras told government officials that "extreme proposals will not be accepted by the Greek government. Everyone must understand that the Greek people have suffered greatly over



A woman stands in front of graffiti depicting a zero Euro coin in Athens on Thursday, June 4, 2015. Greece pulled the emergency cord Thursday in its fraught bailout talks, opting to bundle together its four payments due to the IMF this month into one on June 30.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

the last five years and some people must stop playing games at their expense." Without a deal, Greece will not get the 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) remaining from its 240 billion-euro bailout fund, which it's been relying on for five years. Without the money, it will struggle to pay upcoming debts and the country could soon go bankrupt — a possible preamble to a forced exit from the euro and a return to a financial stone age with a devalued

version of its old national currency.

"The Greek authorities have informed the Fund today that they plan to bundle the country's four June payments into one, which is now due on June 30," IMF spokesman Gerry Rice said. "The decision was

intended to address the administrative difficulty of making multiple payments in a short period."

Under an IMF rule from the 1970s, countries can ask to bundle together multiple payments if they fall within a single calendar month. Not since Zambia in the mid-1980s has a country made the request, according to the IMF.

Still, the request buys some time for the Greek government, which has already scraped the barrel of its finances by forcing local authorities, hospitals and universities to lend it their cash reserves. Its first IMF payment of a little more than 300 million euros (\$340 million) was due on Friday, part of a total 1.6 billion euros due to the Fund this month. Greece has bigger payments due to the European Central Bank this summer, and can't meet them without the rescue money. □

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## Eastern Ukraine tense after outbreak of fighting

**M. CHERNOV  
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**Associated Press**

**DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)** —

Separatist and government troops in east Ukraine stood nervously poised hundreds of meters apart Thursday in the wake of bloody battle that has threatened to demolish what remains of the brittle cease-fire there.

Underscoring anxieties in the Ukrainian capital, President Petro Poroshenko warned of a possible large-scale offensive by separatist forces following the violence on the western fringe of the rebel citadel, Donetsk.

But the mood among rebel combatants huddled in a wooded base just beyond the Donetsk

suburb of Marinka, where Wednesday's fighting was centered, suggested only frustration at the lack of a clear battle plan.

"We can't just sit here in trenches. I think we should only go forward, forward and forward," one separatist fighter, who identified himself by his nom de guerre Abaza, told The Associated Press.

In the dug-out where Abaza stood, flies clustered over a pool of blood where a wounded militiaman was given emergency treatment the day before.

Rebels in Donetsk now appear to be standing down following the clash.

An AP reporter who visited Marinka briefly Thursday observed that it appeared



**A Ukrainian servicemen from battalion "Kiev1" guard their position near a damaged house in Marinka, Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, Thursday, June 4, 2015. A major battle erupted Wednesday on the western edge of the main separatist rebel stronghold in eastern Ukraine, leaving more than a dozen dead and threatening to tip the country back into full-blown war.**

(AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

to be under the control of Ukrainian government troops, who said they were performing mop-up operations.

Even the official tally of fighters killed attests to the battle for Marinka being the biggest that east Ukraine has seen since February, when an internationally brokered armistice was

signed.

Ukraine says five of its servicemen died in combat Wednesday, four of them in or around Marinka. Eduard Basurin, a separatist spokesman, said 14 rebel fighters and five civilians were killed by Ukrainian fire during the day, but provided no details.

Rebel fighters admit pri-

vately, however, that they likely lost dozens of men. Ukrainian military spokesman Col. Andriy Lysenko claimed about 80 rebels were killed.

The task of monitoring what is looking like an increasingly hollow cease-fire lies with a mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation Europe. □

## Muslims criticize Wilders' plan to show cartoons

**Associated Press**

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — Moderate Dutch Muslims on Thursday called anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders's plan to broadcast cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad on national television a provocation.

There were no signs of outrage or unrest, the day after Wilders announced his plan to use airtime granted to political parties to show cartoons from a contest in Texas last month that was targeted by two armed attackers. Wilders spoke at the contest in Garland, but

left before the foiled attack in which both gunmen were shot dead.

Islamic tradition holds that any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad is blasphemous. It appears, however, that Muslims in the Netherlands may be growing accustomed to Wilders' fierce criticism of their faith.

Muslims in the Netherlands "are no longer easy to offend," said lawyer Ejder Kose, who once represented a Muslim organization that tried unsuccessfully to ban a short film made by

Wilders.

Wilders rose to national and international prominence after the brutal murder in 2004 of another Dutch critic of Islam, filmmaker Theo van Gogh, by a Muslim extremist. Wilders established and leads the Freedom Party that holds 12 of the 150 seats in parliament's lower house.

Wilders' anti-Islam rhetoric has in the past sparked outrage around the Muslim world and prompted death threats that have led to him living under round-the-clock protection. □

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# Death toll up to 150 in Ghana gas station explosion, floods

FRANCIS KOKUTSE  
Associated Press

**ACCRA, Ghana (AP)** — The death toll from a huge gas station explosion and flooding in Ghana's capital has more than doubled to 150 people, the president said Thursday night.

Dozens of people had sought shelter at the gas station and in nearby shops in central Accra to escape the torrential rains at the time of Wednesday night's blast. Flooding swept fuel being stored at the station into a nearby fire, triggering the explosion that also set ablaze neighboring buildings, officials said.

The West African nation will observe three days of mourning with flags flying at half-staff, and the government will allocate about \$12 million for relief operations and to repair damaged infrastructure, President John Dramani Mahama told journalists before heading into an emergency meeting.

Before Mahama's announcement, the death toll stood at 73. The president didn't give a breakdown, but the new figure appears to include people killed in the explosion, others who drowned at the blast site trying to escape the flames and still more who drowned elsewhere in the city.

TV footage earlier Thursday showed corpses being piled into the back of a pickup truck and other charred bodies trapped amid the debris. Floodwaters around the site hampered rescue and recovery efforts.

Officials at the nearby 37 Military Hospital said its morgue had reached capacity.

Mahama visited the blast site during the day, calling the death toll "catastrophic" and offering condolences to families of the victims. "Steps will be taken to ensure that disastrous floods and their attendant deaths do not occur again," he said.



Rescue workers carry the remains, of a person killed in a gas station explosion in Accra, Ghana, Thursday, June 4, 2015. Flooding in Ghana's capital swept stored fuel into a nearby fire, setting off a huge explosion at a gas station that killed scores of people and set alight neighboring buildings, authorities said Thursday. (AP Photo/Christian Thompson)

Michael Plange, who lives a few blocks away, said many people had taken shelter under a shed at the station from the rain and were hit by the explosion. □

## Nigeria:

### Car bomb in Nigeria kills 8 soldiers near barracks

HARUNA UMAR  
MICHELLE FAUL  
Associated Press

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)** — A suicide bomber exploded a car at a checkpoint outside a military barracks and killed eight soldiers on Thursday, witnesses said of the latest of daily attacks blamed on Boko Haram in Nigeria's northeastern city of Maiduguri.

More than 60 people have been killed by bombings and rocket-propelled grenades since Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari announced at his inauguration May 29 that the command center for the war on the Islamic extremists is moving from Abuja,

the capital in central Nigeria, to the group's birthplace in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state at the heart of the war zone. Later, a second bomb exploded near the main market in Yola, in neighboring Adamawa state, police and witnesses said. At least two people were killed, police Deputy Supt. Othman Abubakar said. Hospital workers said they were treating 30 injured.

"I can see blood splattered everywhere, including my car, but I can't give any detail because we are all running," said a bread seller who identified himself only as Mr. Ayuba. In Maiduguri, the bomber

exploded the car as soldiers were checking it outside Brigadier Maimalari Barracks on bustling Baga Road during the evening rush hour, according to Bashir Malam, a fighter with a civilian defense group that works alongside the military.

Malam said he counted the bodies of eight soldiers. "The attack was so daring because the suicide bomber must have escaped several checkpoints to get to the soldiers' spot," he said. The latest attack comes the day Buhari was visiting neighboring Chad, urging more support for a multinational force to crush Boko Haram. □

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## Jailed mayors' hunger strike rallies Venezuelan opposition

**HANNAH DREIER**  
**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— A hunger strike by two high-profile imprisoned politicians is generating excitement among members of a Venezuelan opposition that has seemed mostly disengaged since 2014's fiery protests.

Seven students have even spent the past week camped out in the dusty front yard of a Caracas church drinking nothing but water and Pedialyte in sympathy with jailed former mayors Leopoldo Lopez and Daniel Ceballos, who announced their hunger strike on May 23.

"We have to be the public face," said 28-year-old Julio Rivas, who was clammy and red-eyed after eight days of fasting. "We know people can't see Lopez and know that he's wasting away. So we're taking up his cause."

Lopez, 44, announced the hunger strike via a video leaked from a military prison. He has been jailed for 15 months on charges related to his role in leading sometimes bloody protests against Venezuela's socialist administration in the spring of 2014.

He and Ceballos, 31, are demanding the release of jailed opposition leaders like themselves whom human rights groups consider political prisoners. They also are calling on officials to set a date for legislative elections that the law dictates must be held before the end of the year.

Their families say the men are drinking only water and a nutrient serum,

though officials have not confirmed this. Lopez's family says he has lost more than 10 pounds and was brought to a Monday court date in an ambulance. Ceballos' supporters say his health also has deteriorated.

Critics of President Nicolas

The country's opposition coalition has vacillated in the face of this new rallying call from the prisoners. It declined to endorse a day of protest held last weekend at Lopez's urging. The event drew thousands into the streets in the largest display of discontent

mediate release of the two former mayors "and the other political prisoners currently in detention in Venezuela."

A day earlier, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights urged Venezuela to take the unusual step of allowing all prisoners on hunger strike to confer with the doctors of their choice, and expressed particular worry about Ceballos.

The nutrient serum the hunger strikers are drinking should help preserve their health over the short term, but they still will run serious risks if they continue their protest, according to Jacob Appel, a doctor and bioethicist based at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

"What should not be lost upon people is that hunger strikes are dangerous," he said. "Strikers often compromise their health and sometimes die."

If the prisoners continue in their strike, the administration could be faced with a difficult choice. Most major medical organizations condemn forced feeding, and consider it a violation of a physicians' ethics when it is done against a prisoner's wishes.

At the young people's encampment in a wealthy neighborhood in eastern Caracas, the protesters ranging from 20 to 30 years old are passing their days and nights sleeping, texting and reading magazines on a pile of blankets. Local health officials said that on Thursday they would send a paramedic to monitor their health around the clock. □



**Students on hunger strike lie on mattresses outside La Guadalupe church in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, June 4, 2015. Seven students have spent the past week camped out in the front yard of the church drinking nothing but water and Pedialyte in sympathy with jailed former mayors Leopoldo Lopez and Daniel Ceballos, who announced their hunger strike on May 23.**  
(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

Maduro say his administration has jailed dozens of activists for speaking against him. At least three other imprisoned opposition members are reported to have joined in the strike. Maduro has said he will not release the prisoners, whom he accuses of conspiring to launch a coup against his democratically elected administration. State ombudsman Tarek Saab said the two men should end their protest and not endanger their health.

"There are plenty of opportunities to practice politics in Venezuela," he said in a televised interview Monday

since flaming barricades choked Venezuela's major cities in 2014.

The widespread shortages, soaring inflation and worsening violent crime that provoked those sometimes deadly protests have only worsened in the last year and a half, but people have been reluctant to demonstrate publicly. Even the arrest of Caracas' opposition mayor in February sparked only muted protests.

On Thursday, the U.S. State Department released a statement saying it was "deeply troubled" by reports of Ceballos' health deteriorating. It also repeated its call for the im-

## Honduran leader admits campaign funds are tainted

**FREDDY CUEVAS**  
**Associated Press**

**TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras**

**(AP)**—Honduras' president acknowledged this week that his election campaign received financing from businesspeople linked to a social security embezzlement and graft scandal that has sparked large protests, but denied any personal involvement.

President Juan Orlando Hernandez said his National Party informed him that the funds involved 10 checks totaling about \$150,000 in donations during his race for the Central American nation's top office two years ago.

He said the businesspeople who gave the checks to his party were to blame and urged that the funds be returned as soon as possible.

"The investigations must continue no matter who may fall," Hernandez said in a televised interview.

Investigators allege that a network led by the then-director of the Social Security Institute fraudulently mispent millions of dollars on goods and services that were marked up more than 100 percent, with kickbacks paid by businesses that benefited. At least part of the money purportedly ended up in the hands of the National Party.

On Sunday, the prosecutor heading the case, Roberto Ramirez Aldana, fled the country after receiving death threats that authorities considered credible.

Thousands of people who organized through social media marched in cities around the country over the weekend to demonstrate against the scandal, with some calling for Hernandez to resign.

The president, whose four-year term began in January 2014, waged an expensive campaign to narrowly defeat Xiomara Castro, the wife of former President Manuel Zelaya, who was ousted in a 2009 coup backed by the National Party and the military. □

## Guyana fires director, board of state sugar company

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana**  
**(AP)**

— Guyana's new government has fired the director of the Caribbean trade bloc's largest sugar-exporting company and ordered its board to resign amid financial concerns. Authorities will launch an official probe into the state-owned Guyana Sugar Corporation after its director said it has only enough money to pay its

security guards, Agriculture Minister Noel Holder said in a statement late Wednesday.

"Over the years, Guysuco has been sinking further into debt due to ineffective operations both at the financial and production levels," he said.

An interim committee soon will be appointed to oversee the company for at least six months, ac-

cording to Holder.

Holder is part of a new administration taking shape under President David Granger, a retired army general who took office in May and ended a 23-year reign by the People's Progressive Party.

Guyana Sugar Corporation is among a handful of Caribbean companies still exporting raw sugar to Europe, but it has strug-

gled in the past 20 years to meet its annual quota. Officials have blamed a drop in production on changing weather patterns, labor shortages, strikes, falling international sugar prices and an increase in production costs.

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**ORANJESTAD/CANTON,** Mass - Dunkin' Donuts, one of the world's leading baked goods and coffee chains, today announced a sweet deal for donut lovers across Latin America and the Caribbean. On Friday, June 5, participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurants across the region and around the world will offer guests a free donut of their choice (while supplies last) with the purchase of any beverage in honor of the brand's third annual Global Donut Day celebration. Certain restrictions apply by country. See store for details.

"Global Donut Day is an event we look forward to every year and we're pleased to offer our guests

around the world this delicious promotion for the third year in a row," said Chris Fuqua, Vice President, Brand Marketing, Global Consumer Insights & Product Innovation, Dunkin' Brands. "We're always looking for ways to surprise and delight our guests on a global scale, and celebrating our donut heritage is a fun way to do that. Our donuts bring happiness to our guests, so we hope our brand's offer of a free donut with the purchase of any beverage on June 5th spreads even more joy worldwide."

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## AL Capsules Tanaka strong in return, Yankees sweep Mariners with 3-1 win

**The Associated Press**  
**YANKEES 3, MARINERS 1**  
**SEATTLE (AP)** — Garrett Jones and Mark Teixeira homered, Masahiro Tanaka gave up one run over seven innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Yankees completed a three-game sweep.

Jones homered for the second straight day, hitting a two-run shot in the fourth inning off Seattle starter Taijuan Walker (2-6). Jones hit a three-run home run in the 11th inning of the Yankees' 5-3 victory Tuesday night.

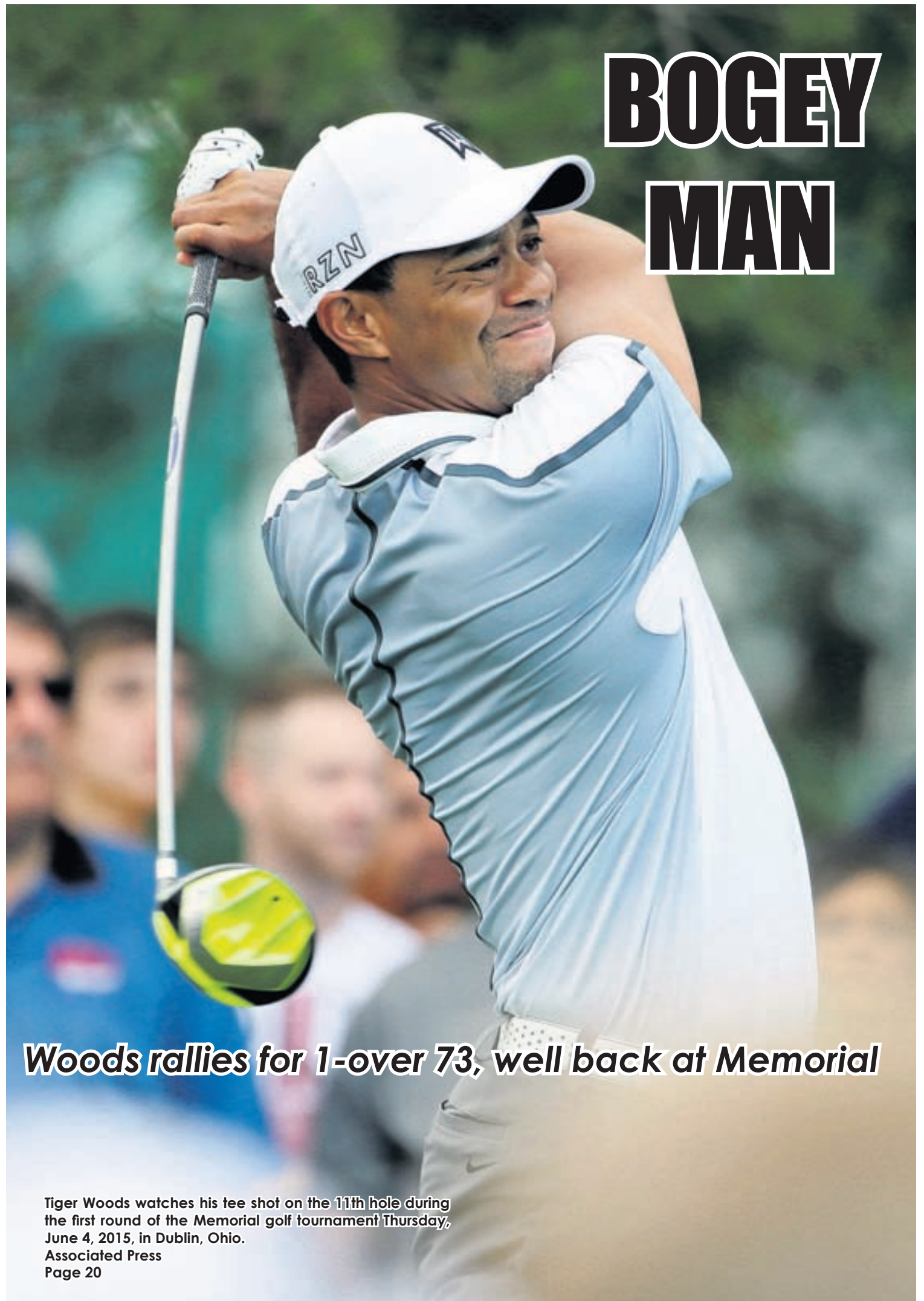
Teixeira added his second home run of the series and his 16th of the season, hitting a solo shot in the second inning that just eluded leaping right fielder Seth Smith at the wall. Tanaka (3-1) made his first start in more than a month and did not miss a beat. Despite being on an 80-pitch limit in his return, Tanaka got through seven innings without even reaching the 80-pitch mark, throwing just 78 pitches in handing the Mariners their fifth straight loss.

**RED SOX 6, TWINS 3, 1st game; TWINS 2, RED SOX 0, 2nd game**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Trevor May allowed two hits over seven innings to lift the Minnesota to a split of a day-night doubleheader. In the first game, Boston's Eduardo Rodriguez followed up his brilliant major league debut by allowing one run and two hits in seven innings. □

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# BOGEY MAN



## Woods rallies for 1-over 73, well back at Memorial

Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the 11th hole during the first round of the Memorial golf tournament Thursday, June 4, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio.  
Associated Press  
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## French Open

# III Williams comes back again to reach final

**HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — At changeovers in her French Open semifinal, an ill Serena Williams walked ever so slowly to the sideline, where even lowering herself to sit seemed difficult.

With the temperature nearing 85 degrees (30 Celsius), she pressed white towels filled with ice against her forehead and neck and guzzled water.

Early on, her play was as poor as her health. She failed to chase balls she normally would. As telling as anything: On those occasions when she did win points, Williams mostly refrained from her familiar fist pumps and yells of "Come on!"

Never can count her out,

though, no matter the circumstances. Down a set and a break Thursday, and clearly not herself, Williams summoned the resolve to reach the final by beating 23rd-seeded Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. After getting broken to fall behind 3-2 in the second set, Williams claimed the final 10 games. She had a 12-2 edge in winners in the final set.

"Stunning," said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "This is the difference between champions and everyone else. There is no logical explanation."

Mouratoglou said the No. 1-ranked Williams has been dealing for several days with the flu, including a fever and difficulty breathing.

Williams skipped her news

conference — something sister Venus did after losing last week, drawing a \$3,000 fine — and issued a statement reading: "I have been feeling unwell for a few days, and ... I needed to see the tournament doctor."

Now one victory from her third French Open championship and 20th major title in all, Williams faces 13th-seeded Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic on Saturday.

"I tried everything. I thought if I lose, I will lose with a fight," Williams told crowd in French. "I tried, I tried. I found the energy. I don't know where, but I found it. And I won. I hope that on Saturday, I hope ..."

Cutting herself off, she stepped away from the mi-



**Serena Williams of the U.S. plays the match ball to win her semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland in three sets 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Thursday, June 4, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

crophone, bent over and began coughing. She offered a quick wave, collected her things and left. Off the court, she got a hug from Mouratoglou, who helped her down stairs toward the locker room.

"I was worried," said Williams' mother, Oracene Price. "But I knew if she could get through the second set, somehow maybe the adrenaline and God would help her get through the match."

Next comes Williams' 24th Grand Slam final, and Safarova's first. In her statement, Williams called herself "determined to be 100 percent ready."

The left-handed Safarova eliminated defending champion Maria Sharapova in the fourth round and 2008 champion Ana Ivanovic 7-5, 7-5 on Thursday.

Williams won her semifinal despite dropping the first set for the fourth time in six matches. She'd never fashioned that many comebacks during one major tournament.

When this one was over, finally over, Williams leaned forward and rested her head on her hands atop the handle of her upside-down racket.

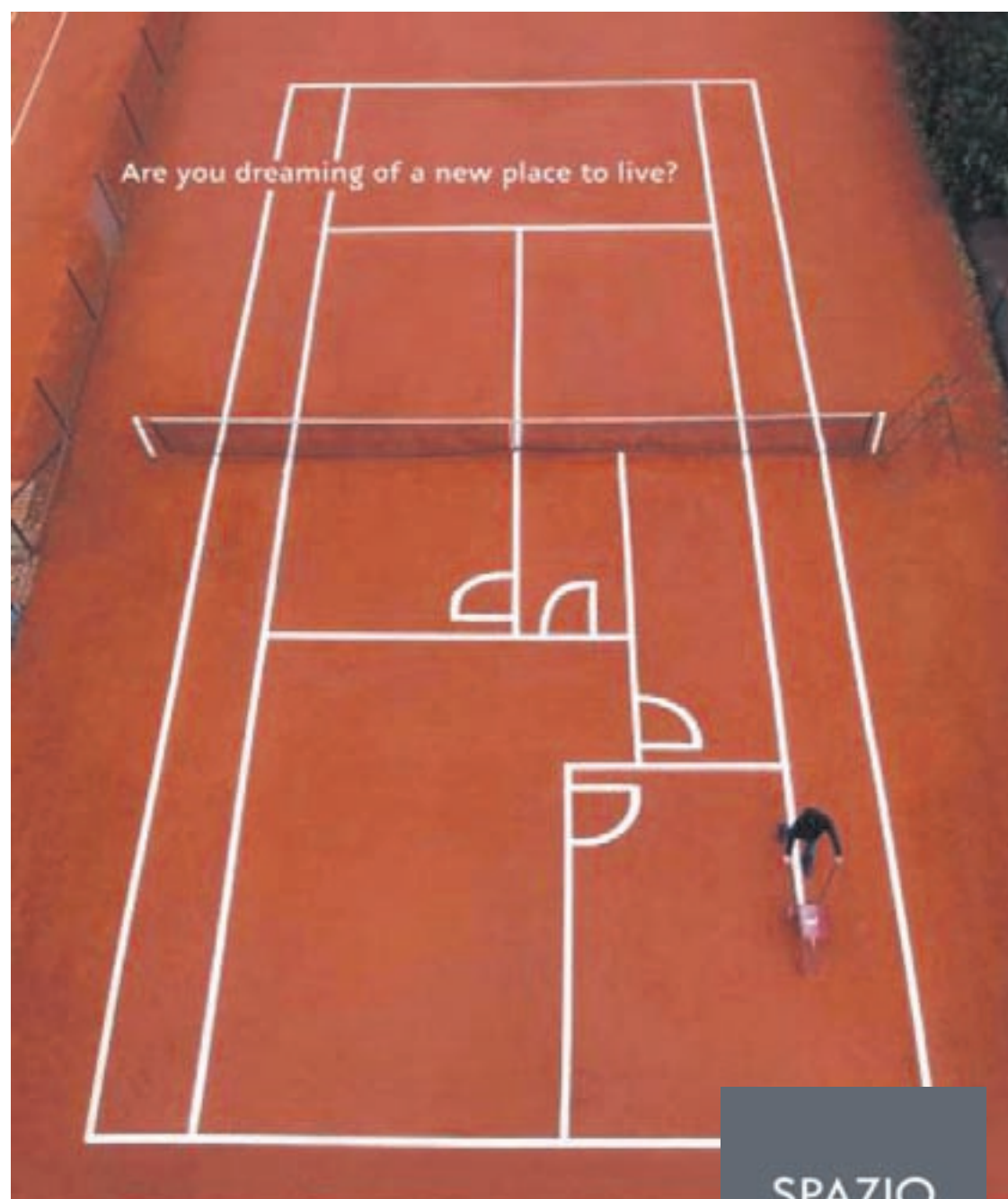
Bacsinszky — who said she noticed Williams "was taking some time between points" but tried to focus on herself — was asked how her own mistakes contributed to the result.

"We say in French: 'If we could put Paris in a bottle.' Like, I could say, 'If, if, if. If my forehand was in. If I would maybe choose another tactic,'" Bacsinszky said.

Bacsinszky wiped away tears as she left the court, her magical run abruptly done. She never had been past the second round in Paris — or the third round at any major.

Two years ago, she took a hiatus from tennis to work at restaurants with an eye toward pursuing a degree in hotel management. Last year, she was ranked 112th and went through qualifying at the French Open.

This year, equipped with a dangerous backhand and an affinity for drop shots, Bacsinszky beat two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in the fourth round and lost a tournament-low 33 games entering Thursday. She was 7-0 in her French Open career when taking the first set. Ah, but none of those matches came against Williams. □



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May (4-3) only allowed runners in the third inning. With two outs, Carlos Peguero singled and took third on a double by Dustin Pedroia, his fifth hit of the double-header. But Brock Holt grounded out.

May struck out nine and allowed no walks. Glen Perkins pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 20th save in as many chances. Boston's Rick Porcello (4-5) rebounded from two starts in which he gave up 13 runs in 11 1/3 innings. Against the Twins, he allowed two runs and five hits with five strikeouts and no walks in eight innings.

Rodriguez (2-0) allowed just a solo homer by Brian Dozier in the third and an infield single by Danny Santana in the sixth. Rodriguez struck out seven and walked two before Alexi Ogando gave up a two-run homer to Eduardo Escobar in the ninth. The Red Sox scored five runs in 4 1/3 innings against



**New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka throws against the Seattle Mariners in the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in Seattle.**

Associated Press

Phil Hughes (4-5). Mike Napoli added a solo homer, his ninth of the season, in the seventh against Michael Tonkin, making it 6-1.

#### ASTROS 3, ORIOLES 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Lance McCullers allowed one run in a complete game, Chris Carter provided the offense with two homers and Houston picked up another win. They are off to the best start in franchise history with an

American League-best 34-20 record.

Carter homered in the second and fifth innings and George Springer added a solo shot in the sixth inning as the Astros improved to 21-0 when hitting multiple homers this season.

In his fourth career start, McCullers (2-0) yielded four hits and struck out a career-best 11 to lower his ERA to 1.88. McCullers hadn't lasted more than six innings

entering the game. He retired 15 in a row before a single by Adam Jones with two outs in the ninth, but he struck out Chris Davis to end the game.

Baltimore starter Miguel Gonzalez (5-4) struck out eight and allowed just four hits.

#### RAYS 6, ANGELS 5, 10 INNING

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Kiermaier led off the 10th inning with a home run after rookies Joey Butler and Steven Souza Jr. went deep to account for all the scoring in Tampa Bay's five-run sixth.

Rays closer Brad Boxberger, born in nearby Fullerton, entered in the eighth looking for his first four-out save in the majors. He struck out Matt Joyce to strand a runner at third, but gave up the tying run in the ninth on Erick Aybar's sacrifice fly after getting ahead in the count 0-2.

The Angels called on closer Huston Street (2-2), and his 2-1 pitch was driven deep into the right-field seats

by Kiermaier for his fourth homer of the season.

The blown save was the first in 16 opportunities this season for Boxberger (3-3).

#### ATHLETICS 6, TIGERS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Sonny Gray pitched eight shutout innings and Billy Burns hit a bases-loaded triple as Oakland handed Detroit its sixth straight loss.

Gray (7-2) had the Tigers beating the ball into the ground all game, with Oakland's outfielders only making one putout while he was on the mound. He struck out seven and allowed two singles and a walk.

Anibal Sanchez (3-7) allowed four runs, five hits and four walks in seven innings. After striking out 20 batters in his previous two starts, he only had one against Oakland.

In the second inning, Oakland loaded the bases on a double and two walks, and Burns took an inside pitch the other way for a three-run triple. □



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## Matsuyama, Van Pelt tied at Memorial Woods 9 behind



Bo Van Pelt tees off on the ninth hole during the first round of the Memorial golf tournament, Thursday, June 4, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
**AP Golf Writer**

**DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)** — Hideki Matsuyama was bracing for a rough day at the Memorial and wound up with a share of the lead Thursday.

Tiger Woods still doesn't know what to expect.

Matsuyama made a bold start in his bid to join Woods as the only repeat winners at Muirfield Village by running off four straight birdies on the back nine and one strong par save on his way to an 8-under 64 that tied the Japanese star with Bo Van Pelt.

"To be honest with you, up until yesterday I was not hitting the ball very well, I was not chipping very well, I was not putting very well," Matsuyama said through a translator. "And I don't know what happened overnight. We just caught magic."

It was a dream start for Van Pelt for other reasons. He grew up across the state line in Indiana and used to play hooky from school to attend the Memorial from the time he was 10 until he got out of high school. Muirfield Village is where he first dreamed about playing the PGA Tour. In calm conditions under an overcast sky, Van Pelt made a career-best 10 birdies for his best score in 41 rounds at the course Jack Nicklaus built.

"Other than the Masters, this tournament means more to me than any one I've ever played," Van Pelt said. "So it's always good to play well around a place that means a lot to you." Woods, a five-time winner of the Memorial, wasn't sure what he was going to get. He hooked his tee shot and started with a bogey for the eighth time in his last nine starts on the PGA Tour. He went so far right off the tee at the 18th that it went out-of-bounds (the next tee shot wasn't much better) and made double bogey to go out in 40. He hooked his 3-wood on the first hole. It was looking like another big number. Instead, Woods battled to save pars and convert birdies, and he salvaged a 73 that left him nine shots behind.

"Physically, I feel good. Mentally, I feel beat up," Woods said. "To turn that round around like I did today ... that was hard." He was determined to stick

with the changes he is making to his swing under a fourth coach as a pro, no matter how long it takes. Considering he hasn't had a top 10 in his last 13 events dating to the end of 2013, this could take time.

"I was just trying to stay committed to what we're working on, to what we're doing," he said. "I hit it awful, yeah. So what? I was going to go through this phase and stick with it, keep sticking with it. And some of the shots I hit were really, really good. But then I also had some really bad shots, too. And we need to work on that."

Matsuyama won the Memorial last year in a playoff. It was his first win in America and validated him as one of the many rising stars in golf. He said every course on the PGA Tour feels difficult to him, and even when he made a pair of 15-foot birdie putts on his way to a 32 on the front nine while playing with Phil Mickelson (72) and Rickie Fowler (72), he wasn't comfortable.

"I was just trying to hang on," he said.

So was Jason Dufner, the former PGA champion, whose tied for eighth last week at the AT&T Byron Nelson ended a stretch of 17 events on American soil without a top 10. He was tied for the lead after making a 60-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole and was still poised to join Matsuyama and Van Pelt at 64 until he pulled his tee shot into the water on the 18th and closed with a double bogey.

That put him at 66, along with Russell Knox, who fed his putts off the ridges beautifully in making seven birdies.

Harris English and Kevin Kisner were among those at 67. □

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# Blackhawks rally to stun Tampa Bay 2-1 in Final opener

GREG BEACHAM  
AP Hockey Writer

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Although Teuvo Teravainen has been with the Chicago Blackhawks for just a few months, the 20-year-old Finn already fits in perfectly on a veteran club with a knack for big-game greatness.

And when Chicago's stars couldn't crack the Tampa Bay Lightning's defense for the first 53 minutes of the Stanley Cup Final opener, Teravainen stepped up in dramatic fashion to put the Blackhawks on top.

Teravainen and Antoine Vermette scored 1:58 apart late in the third period, and the Blackhawks rallied to stun the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 on Wednesday night.

Corey Crawford made 22 saves for the Blackhawks, who opened the final series in their quest for their third NHL title in six seasons with more of the clutch offensive play on which they've built a championship team — but they didn't get it from Jonathan Toews or Patrick Kane this time.

Instead, it was their youngest player, one who was more worried about public speaking than very public scoring.

"When I scored the goal, the first thing (I thought) was, 'Oh no, I have to go out in the media after the game,'" Teravainen said.

Teravainen scored through traffic with 6:32 to play, and he forced the turnover that led to Vermette's winner with 4:34 left. Just like that, the Blackhawks erased Tampa Bay's home-ice advantage and silenced an Amalie Arena crowd celebrating Tampa Bay's first trip to the Final since winning the 2004 title.

"It's pretty amazing," Teravainen said. "I know we have a great team. We have a lot of experience, but myself, I'm a young guy here, so I try to bring some energy. Tampa Bay is a really great team. It's a fast game out there. You have to be ready."

Game 2 is Saturday night in Tampa.

With Toews and Kane off the ice and the clock dwindling, the Blackhawks' supporting players delivered. And after 2 1/2 periods of strong defense, the Lightning felt they got excessively cautious — Chicago's persistence finally was rewarded in dramatic fashion.

Shortly after Crawford stopped Ryan Callahan on a breakaway, Marcus Kruger and Valtteri Filppula provided screens in front of goalie Ben Bishop, who never saw Teravainen's shot for his third goal of the postseason.

Teravainen then forced a turnover by J.T. Brown in the Lightning zone. Vermette collected the bouncing puck in the slot and beat Bishop in the top right corner for his third goal.

Teravainen is the youngest player to have a multipoint game in the Stanley Cup Final since a 19-year-old Jaromir Jagr did it for Pittsburgh in 1991.

"He's growing more confident every game," Marian Hossa said. "He doesn't seem to have a heartbeat. He's so calm. He's Finnish cold."

Vermette joined Teravainen as an unlikely hero, providing a timely return on the Blackhawks' much-debated decision to acquire him from Arizona at the trade deadline.

"We got better as the game went on," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "Huge goal through traffic, and then a nice shot by Verry. Turned out to be a great third period. ... Finding a way to win is what this team is all about."

Bishop stopped 19 shots and Alex Killorn scored in the opening minutes for Tampa Bay, which appeared to be closing in on a gritty shutout victory.

"For most of the game, we saw we can hang, and we can be better," Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos said. "You've got to go through these situations to

learn from them. It comes down to the small details, and it comes down to a bounce."

In his first game since shutting out the Rangers at Madison Square Garden to win the East title, the 6-foot-7 Bishop and his defense were a few minutes away from his third shutout in four games.

In fact, Tampa Bay appeared to frustrate the Blackhawks to the point of biting: Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman believes Chicago's Andrew Shaw bit him on the torso during a scrum after the whistle in the second period. Hedman lifted his jersey on the bench to show the bruise.

"We really didn't give them much the entire game," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. "Could we have made a few more poised plays? I guess we could have. But we had chances to put them away, and that was letting them hang around."

The winner of Game 1 has won the Cup in 58 of the last 75 Finals since 1939, including the last three. Chicago roared into its third Final under Quenneville and its 13th overall after outlasting Anaheim in a memorable seven-game conference final. A roster loaded with championship-winning players and veteran talent made the Blackhawks most observers' favorite in this series despite questions about a defense relying heavily on just four players, including tireless star Duncan Keith, who played 29 minutes, 15 seconds against the Lightning.

After a stirring pregame celebration of the Lightning's return to the Final 11 years after winning their only title, they opened with a noticeable jump on the Blackhawks. Killorn, the first Harvard product to score in a Final, needed just 4:31 to get the Lightning on top with an exceptional backhand redirect of Anton Stralman's shot. □



Chicago Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews (19), front, skates around Tampa Bay Lightning center Brian Boyle (11) as goalie Ben Bishop (50), left, defends the net, during the second period in Game 1 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final in Tampa, Fla., Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Associated Press



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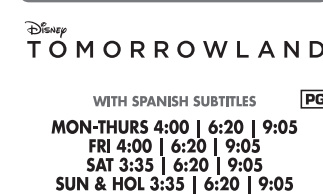
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# Gatlin clocks 9.75 in winning 100m at Golden Gala

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**AP Sports Writer**

**ROME (AP)** — Justin Gatlin came within 0.01 seconds of his world-leading time in the 100 meters, clocking 9.75 at the Golden Gala on Thursday.

Then the American declared he could approach Usain Bolt's world record of 9.58 at the world championships in Beijing in August. "I feel confident running times around 9.70," Gatlin said. "9.60 should be possible in summer."

With the wind in his favor, Gatlin finished several strides ahead of the rest of the field then flexed his biceps for photographers in the finish area.

Running strong all the way to the finish despite his lead, Gatlin took one tick off the clock from Bolt's meet record of 9.76 set in 2012.

European indoor champion Jimmy Vicaut crossed second in 9.98, and Gatlin's fellow American, Mike Rodgers, was third with the same time.

Gatlin clocked 9.74 seconds in the Diamond League opener on May 15 in the sweltering heat of Doha, Qatar. Only four sprinters have ever run faster, including Bolt, who set 9.58 in 2009.

"The key thing to keep winning is to not think about it,"

Gatlin said. "I do not think of beating Usain Bolt now because the championship is not tomorrow. We still have some time."

Also in the fourth stop of the Diamond League, Olympic

Robert Joske, later confirmed to The Associated Press that she sustained two fractures to her wrist and a dislocation.

"She's been given pain medication, and is being

dles, begin on Aug. 22 in Beijing.

American rival Brianna Rollins also failed to finish, while Sharika Nelvis of the United States won in a personal-best 12.52.

Renaud Lavillenie won the pole vault at 5.91 but failed in three attempts to clear 6.01. He was far off his world-leading 6.05 in Eugene, Oregon, last weekend. Two-time European champion Ruth Beitia of Spain beat a stellar field in the high jump at 2.00. Croatian standout Blanka Vlasic finished second at 1.97, and appeared content after three injury-plagued seasons.

Vlasic wiggled a little dance after clearing 1.94 on her third try then unleashed a fist pump when she made 1.97 on her first attempt.

Olympic champion Anna Chicherova settled for sixth at 1.94.

Jeneba Tarmoh of the United States won the women's 200 in 22.77 after Olympic 100-meter champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce withdrew.

Also, Johnny Dutch won the 400 hurdles in 48.13, edging fellow American and Olympic silver medalist Michael Tinsley by 0.21.

The 17-year-old world junior champion Yomif Kejelcha of Ethiopia won the men's 5,000 in 12:58.39, the year's best time. And Mohamed Aman, another Ethiopian, clocked 1:43.56 in the 800 for another fastest time of the year. □



**Justin Gatlin, of the United States, left, runs alongside France's Jimmy Vicaut to win the men's 100m event at the Golden Gala IAAF athletic meeting, in Rome's Olympic stadium, Thursday, June 4, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

champion Sally Pearson of Australia sustained a broken left wrist after hitting the fifth obstacle in the 100 hurdles. She will undergo surgery in Rome early Friday.

Organizers said Pearson was taken to the local Gemelli Hospital, and her manager, Sydney-based

seen by one of the top orthopedic surgeons in Rome," Joske said on Friday. "What that means for the rest of the season, we don't know. At least it's not her legs. And she is a fighter."

The world championships, where Pearson is defending champion in the hur-

"I ran my own race and didn't see any of those falls," Nelvis said.

Emerging Cuban standout Pedro Pablo Pichardo leaped 17.96 in the triple jump to break Jonathan Edwards' meet record of 17.60 set in 1998. Pichardo earned the year's best jump of 18.08 last week.

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Virtual reality is creeping into our world.

Once seen as a tool for alien-blasting gamers, movie studios, television producers and artists are now adopting the technology, which immerses people in faraway realms using bulky goggles, house-sized domes, and smartphones. Entering a virtual world means that users who look left, right, up or behind experience an alternate environment, even when they're sitting in a theater or on a couch.

It means a horror movie can be promoted with a haunted house tour featuring a mass murderer who can spring from anywhere. Or a shark documentary enhanced by the sensation that you're being circled by predators.

"What's better for jump scares than, like, turning your head and it's right in your face?" says Matt Lipson, senior vice president of digital marketing at Focus Features.

Virtual reality may not appear at your local multiplex soon, but it's being used to lure you there.

Universal's Focus Features recently launched its first virtual-reality experience for movies, promoting the upcoming release of its "Insidious: Chapter 3" horror flick. It's driving a truck around the country, inviting fans to wear virtual-reality goggles. It's also sent out thousands of movie-branded Google Cardboard kits, which fold around smartphones to turn them into primitive VR viewers. Fans can download the app from Google Play, or the App Store, to make it work. In the "Insidious" VR ex-



In this March 26, 2015 photo, a woman demonstrates the Oculus virtual reality headset at the Facebook F8 Developers Conference in San Francisco. Associated Press

perience, viewers sit in a haunted house across from a psychic. Various scares appear from the right and left and, in the end, there is a close-up encounter with an undead serial killer known as the Bride in Black. Lionsgate used a similar approach for its "Insurgent" movie. It applied VR to try to widen the film's fan base beyond young women, to male fans of action movies. Using VR was one way to appeal to gamers, who are mostly men and are expected to be the first buyers of VR headsets.

VR remains the realm of promotion. But content created now or for future films could also build value for home video products as more VR headsets are sold, Lipson says. And the number of outlets for virtual reality is increasing.

Oculus VR, the company Facebook bought for \$2 billion and a leader in the VR headset market, is expected to start shipping a consumer version early next year. It's already sold

150,000 goggles as test units for content developers. Samsung, meanwhile, is selling Gear VR, which works with Galaxy S6 smartphones. Sony will release a consumer version of its Project Morpheus, which connects to its PlayStation 4, in the first half of next year. Oculus's goal is to get headsets into as many hands as possible, says co-founder and head of product Nate Mitchell. The company set up a division of experimental filmmakers called Oculus Story Studio to help other filmmakers learn how to create VR video.

"Our goal is making the Rift (headset) and virtual reality affordable," say Mitchell, adding that he hopes it "becomes a technology that truly changes the world."

Facebook is testing what CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls "spherical video," or a flat representation of immersive content that could be navigable by mouse on its website. Google's YouTube launched support

for "360-degree video" on Chrome browsers and Android phones in March and is providing VR camera rigs for its partners at its six studios. Fold-up Google Cardboard units can be bought online for as little as \$2.46. Discovery Communications is also planning to launch VR content under the Discovery Virtual brand in August.

Teams are already shooting off the Bahamas in preparation for "Shark Week" in July, says Conal Byrne, Discovery's senior vice president of digital media. Fans of the series are used to watching the circling predators from inside a protective cage. But virtual reality would heighten the fear factor, as sharks could cruise by while your head is turned elsewhere.

"This feels like the perfect opportunity for virtual reality to say, 'Now let's really put you inside this world,'" Byrne says.

Part of the experiment is seeing what works creatively, including not making people sick. The other part is trying to determine how to make virtual reality a business, Byrne says. That could include advertising, putting commercial products inside virtual worlds, and giving fans another reason to watch TV shows. "The pressure for revenue comes second," Byrne says. "The first goal is, 'Is there a meaningful content experience here for fans?'" □





# Wall Street closes down as Greece talks remain stuck

**MATTHEW CRAFT**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Uncertainty surrounding Greece's debts helped knock the U.S. stock market lower Thursday as an impasse between Greece and its creditors dragged on. The drop put major indexes on track for a weekly loss. Oil and gas stocks had some of the biggest losses as the price of crude sank 3 percent.

Major indexes headed lower at the outset of trading, briefly returned to the starting line, then lost ground throughout the afternoon. Hank Smith, chief investment officer at Haverford Trust, said he thinks Greece and its creditors will even-



**Trader Richard Cohen, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Uncertainty surrounding Greece's debts helped knock the U.S. stock market lower Thursday as an impasse between Greece and its creditors dragged on.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

tually reach an agreement that allows the country to receive new loans. But just the possibility that Greece

could default on its debts and become the first country to drop the euro currency makes investors nervous. "It creates a tremendous amount of anxiety because we don't have a playbook," Smith said. "It just hasn't happened before."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 18.23 points, or 0.9 percent, to finish at 2,095.84. All 10 industry groups in the Standard & Poor's 500 fell, with Du Pont and other materials companies leading the way down.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 170.69 points, or 0.9 percent, to 17,905.58 and the Nasdaq composite lost 40.11 points, or 0.8

percent, to 5,059.12.

Before the market opened, J.M. Smucker reported a loss in its latest quarter even though sales climbed. The maker of Folger's coffee said higher prices for coffee beans and a strong dollar pinched results. Smucker's stock fell \$4.44, or 4 percent, to \$113.75.

A report that Dish Network is talking to T-Mobile US about a possible merger sent both stocks up. The Wall Street Journal said that the two sides have yet to nail down crucial details, including a purchase price. Dish's stock jumped \$3.44, or 5 percent, to \$74.25, while T-Mobile's surged \$1.01, or 3 percent, to \$39.34. □

## Applications for US jobless aid remain low at 276,000

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, a sign that job cuts remain low as employers are confident enough in the business outlook to hold onto their staffs.

The Labor Department says applications for unemployment aid dropped 8,000 to a seasonally adjusted 276,000. The four-week average, a less volatile figure, ticked up 2,750 to 274,750. Applications have been below 300,000, a historically low level, for 13 weeks.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs. The small number of

people seeking benefits indicates that Americans are enjoying solid job security. Most economists are hopeful that the rock-bottom level of applications is a good sign hiring will remain healthy as well.

Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, forecasts that the May jobs report, to be released Friday, will show that employers added 240,000 jobs.

Applications "continue to show no sign of an uptrend, consistent with a still-strong trend in employment growth," O'Sullivan wrote

in a note to clients.

Analysts anticipate that the jobs report will show that employers added a solid 227,000 jobs last month, on top of the 223,000 added in April. They also forecast that the unemployment rate will remain 5.4 percent, a seven-year low.

The number of Americans receiving unemployment aid fell to just below 2.2 million, the fewest since November 2000. That's just a fraction of the 8.5 million unemployed. Some of those out of work have used up all their benefits, while others, such as recent

college graduates searching for work, aren't eligible for aid.

Job growth has remained healthy even as economic growth has faltered. That's an important sign that the slowdown hasn't frightened employers and may be temporary. On Wednesday, payroll processor ADP said that businesses added 201,000 jobs last month, up from 165,000 in April. The ADP's figures frequently diverge from the government's more comprehensive report.

The economy contracted 0.7 percent in the first three

months of the year, a sharp slowdown from growth of 3.6 percent in the second half of 2014. Yet most economists expect growth will recover to a 2 percent to 2.5 percent pace in the second quarter.

There are some signs the economy is turning around. The trade gap tumbled 19.2 percent in April as exports rose slightly while imports fell. Imports were artificially inflated in March by the end of a labor dispute at West Coast ports, which unleashed a flood of overseas goods that had been trapped on the docks. □

## US productivity fell in first quarter while labor costs up

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. worker productivity declined more sharply in the first three months of the year than previously thought while labor costs rose more quickly.

Productivity fell at a 3.1 percent rate in the first quarter, a bigger drop than the 1.9 percent decline estimated a month ago, the Labor Department reported Thursday. Labor costs rose at a 6.7 percent rate in the first quarter, faster than 5 percent rise first estimated.

The economy hit a soft-patch in the winter with the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, actually contracting in the January-March quarter.

But economists believe growth and productivity is rebounding. Still, productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, has been weaker in recent years and economists are split on the reasons why.

Yet they had anticipated Thursday's numbers given last week's report which revised down the perfor-

mance of the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, in the first quarter.

The GDP was initially estimated to have grown at a meager 0.2 percent rate in the first quarter but in the revised estimate, GDP was reduced to show economic output actually contracted at a rate of 0.7 percent in the first quarter, the first decline in GDP since an even larger contraction in the first three months of 2014. Both declines reflected in large part unusually harsh winter weather which

disrupted various economic activities.

Economists expect the overall economy to rebound in the current April-June quarter as the effects of a harsh winter and other temporary impacts fade. Productivity is the key determinant for rising living standards.

Increases in efficiency allow employers to pay higher wages based on greater output without having to raise the price of their products, which can trigger inflation. There is concern about a slowdown in pro-

ductivity growth that has been evident recently and economists are split over whether this is a short-term development or a longer-term problem.

For all of 2014, productivity grew by a modest 0.7 percent, even less than the 0.9 percent productivity gain in 2013. From 1995 to 2000, productivity rose at average annual rates of 2.8 percent, reflecting in part the boost the economy received from the Internet boom. But since 2000, productivity has slowed to annual rates of 2.1 percent. □



## STREET BRIEFS

### US regulator sues firms over bogus Avon buyout bid

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A U.S. regulator that oversees stock markets has sued several financial companies, saying they tried to manipulate the stock of Avon Products Inc. and two other companies through bogus takeover offers. The Securities and Exchange Commission said in the lawsuit Thursday in New York City federal court that the companies used the SEC's public database to announce false offers. Avon shares jumped up to 20 percent in mid-May after a takeover offer appeared on a website maintained by the regulator. The companies included PTG Capital, which the SEC says has identified itself as being located in London but which actually operates out of Bulgaria.

## HSBC to pay \$43m over Swiss money laundering probe

**GENEVA (AP)** — HSBC will pay 40 million Swiss francs (\$43 million) to settle an investigation by Geneva prosecutors over allegations the bank helped rich clients avoid taxes. The bank and prosecutors said Thursday the settlement ends the investigation into HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA and persons unknown for suspected aggravated money laundering. The investigation unfolded after an ex-employee leaked a list of thousands of suspected tax evaders to French authorities in 2008. France shared the list with other governments and launched investigations, and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and news organizations found that the bank hid millions of dollars for wealthy people. In a statement, HSBC says it has improved practices to keep clients from using the bank "to evade taxes or launder money," and drastically reduced the number of accounts, from 30,000 to 10,000. □

# A slump in transportation stocks may not signal danger

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AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — One of the oldest trading strategies in the book is showing a yellow flag for stock investors, but analysts say it's not quite time to sell yet. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at an all-time high last month, extending a bull market that stretches back more than six years.

However, another gauge that tracks airlines, railroad and freight companies — the Dow Jones transportation average — has gone the other way, slumping to a seven-month low at the end of May.

The theory is that the transportation sector is a leading indicator for the economy. If consumers and businesses are buying more, then goods have to be transported by plane, rail or ship. That should benefit the companies moving the goods.

If they're buying less, the thinking goes, there's less demand for transportation services, meaning trouble ahead for the economy and the stock market.

That thought is the underpinning of Dow Theory, a system for timing when to get in and get out of the stock market. It's based on the musings of Charles Dow, the co-founder of Dow Jones & Co., who started assembling stock indexes in the late 1800s. Adherents to the strategy say that it signaled big stock market sell-offs in 1929, 1937 and 2000. The Dow Jones transportation average, which consists of 20 stocks, was down as much as 9.6 percent

from a recent peak in February through the end of May. It has recovered some of those losses this week, but is still down 7.7 percent for the year.

Kansas City Southern, a rail company that operates in the central and southern

technology. The index is up 0.5 percent this year and closed at an all-time high of 18,312 on May 19.

Still, many analysts remain sanguine about the outlook for the broader market.

While the divergence between the Dow Jones in-

Cain. "When you see one, you watch and you're careful about it, but you don't worry unless you see five or six."

McCain says that the slump is due to a recent rise in the price of oil that could push up fuel costs for the sec-



A train operator dismounts a Union Pacific locomotive while another operator climbs up at a rail yard in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Dow Jones transportation index, a gauge that tracks airlines, railroad and freight companies, was down as much as 9.6 percent from a recent peak in February through the end of May. Union Pacific, United Continental airlines, and freight company UPS are among the stocks that have dropped.

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

U.S., has been the worst performer in the index, falling 24 percent so far this year. United Continental, the railroad Union Pacific and freight company UPS are among other stocks that have dropped.

The slump in transports contrasts with the performance of the 30-member Dow Jones industrial average, which includes stocks in many industries including sporting goods, banking, entertainment and

dustrial average and the transportation index is one indicator of uncertainty, you need to see more danger signs before you get out of stocks, said Bruce McCain, chief investment strategist at KeyPrivate Bank. For example, weakness in other sectors that are particularly sensitive to economic growth, such as technology and industrial stocks.

"It's the cockroach theory of divergences," said Mc-

tor. Transportation companies benefited last year as oil prices plunged amid a supply glut. Now, though oil is rebounding and trading at close to \$60 a barrel after falling as low as \$42 in March.

The transportation index is the descendent of the first stock index assembled by Charles Dow. That index, which was created in 1884, consisted of nine railroads, Pacific Mail Steamship and Western Union. □

# Gawker website employees vote to unionize

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AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gossip and news site Gawker Media employees say they have voted to join the Writers Guild of America, East, making it the first digital media outlet to organize.

In a Web posting, Gawker Media writers said they voted 75 percent to 25 percent to join the Guild. The

union said 90 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.

Gawker first said it was planning to unionize in April. The employees said in the post Thursday that the next step will be determining what they want to bargain for and forming a bargaining committee.

While no digital media sites have been unionized, The Associated Press, The New

York Times and other newspaper staffers have union representation.

Gawker Media runs branded websites that feature news and gossip on different topics, including Gawker, Gizmodo, Jezebel, io9 and others.

The company says it has 64 million monthly U.S. readers. The original site, Gawker, which focuses on media

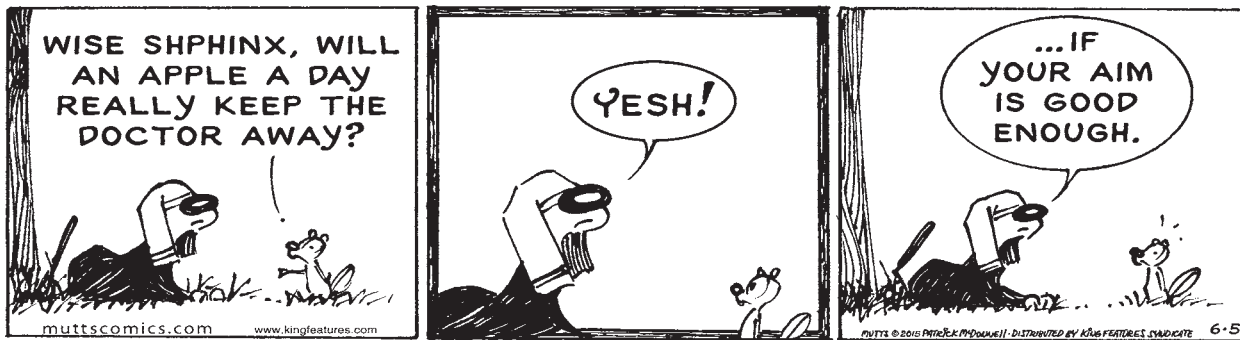
and culture, was founded in 2002.

Gawker founder and CEO Nick Denton said in a statement that he is "pleased Gawker is leading the movement in the online media world toward collaboration and inclusion."

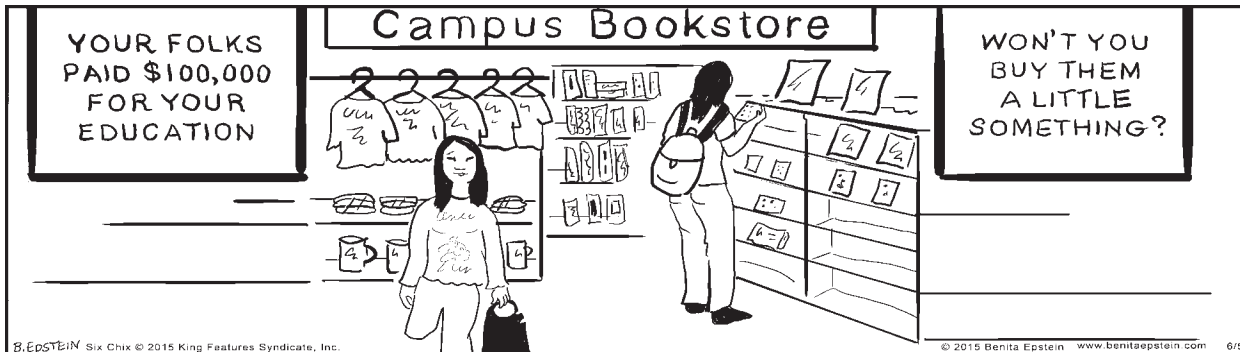
The Writers Guild of America, East, is part of the AFL-CIO, the largest federation of labor unions in the U.S. □



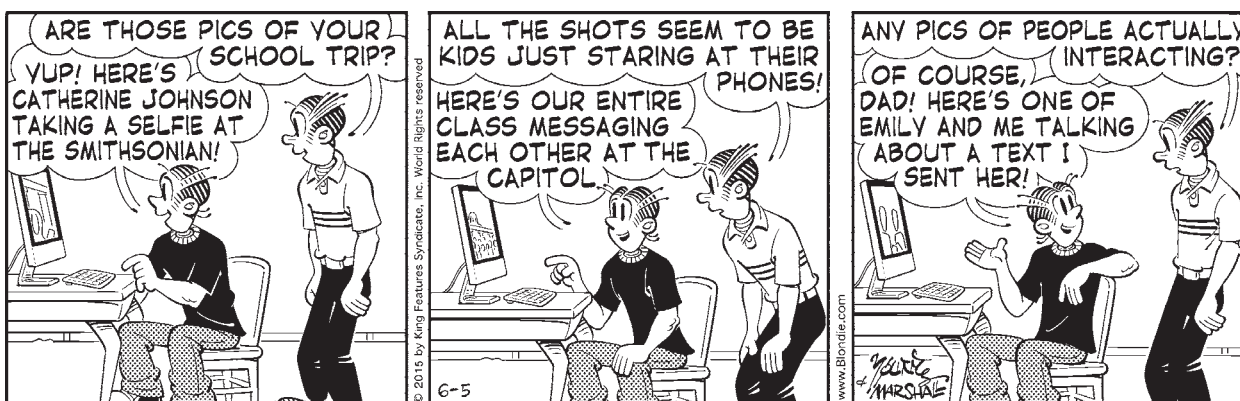
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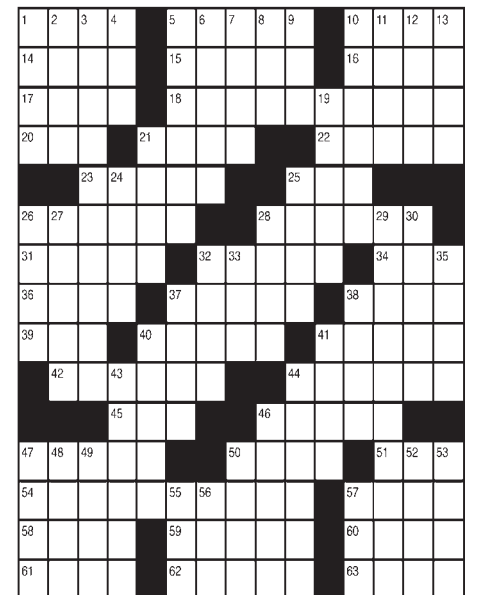
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## ACROSS

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- Dull pain
- Above
- Dwelling
- Gangster
- Flock of quail
- Sickening
- Afternoon hour
- Clenched hand
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- "The Addams Family" butler
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- out; gets rid of gradually
- Least nutty
- Despised
- Bamboo shoot-eating mammal
- Helpful hint
- Part of the eye
- Carvey & Plato
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- Zodiac sign
- Usually benign growth
- Car dealer's delights
- "You \_\_, you lose"
- Tears to bits
- Dessert choice
- Wide gulf
- Many times
- Smile broadly
- French friend
- Crushing grief
- Celebrity
- " \_\_ Small World"
- Swear
- \_\_ up; become cheerful again
- Sturdy trees
- Talk out of
- Inquires

## DOWN

- Gray wolf
- Dutch \_\_; cast-iron kettle
- Eye-opener



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## Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## FDA backs female libido pill, under safety conditions

**M. PERRONE**

**AP Health Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The drug industry's decade-spanning search for a female equivalent to Viagra took a major step forward Thursday, as government experts recommended approval for a pill to boost sexual desire in women.

The first-of-a-kind endorsement came with safety reservations, however, due to drug side effects including fatigue, low blood pressure and fainting.

The panel of Food and Drug Administration advisers voted 18-6 in favor of Sprout Pharmaceutical's daily pill, flibanserin, on the condition that the company develops a plan to manage its risks.

The recommendation is a major victory for a drug sometimes hailed as "female Viagra," but which has been plagued for years by concerns of lackluster effectiveness and safety issues. The FDA has rejected the drug twice since 2010. And a similar panel of FDA experts voted unanimously against the drug five years ago.

Thursday's vote is non-binding but the FDA often follows the advice of its experts. FDA's experts acknowledged that flibanserin's effect is not very strong, but said there is a need for FDA-approved drugs to address female sexual problems. □

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## New fed data shows no stopping or slowing of global warming

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Global warming has not stopped or even slowed in the past 18 years, according to a new U.S. government federal study that rebuts doubters who've claimed that that heating trends have paused.

Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration readjusted thousands of weather data points to account for different measuring techniques through the decades. Their calculations show that since 1998, the rate of warming is about the same as it has been since 1950: about two-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit a decade.

The so-called hiatus has been touted by non-scientists who reject mainstream climate science. Those claims have resonated; two years ago, the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change felt the need to explain why the Earth was not heating up as expected, listing such reasons as volcanic eruptions, reduced solar radiation and the oceans absorbing more heat.

"The reality is that there is no hiatus," said Tom Karl, director of the National Centers for Environmental Information. He is the lead author of a study published Thursday in the peer-reviewed journal *Science*. One key to claims of a hiatus is the start date: 1998. That year there was a big temperature spike; some of the following years were not as hot, though even hotter years followed in 2005, 2010 and 2014, according to NOAA, NASA and temperature records kept in England and Japan. This year is on pace to break last year's global heat record.

Scientists keep updating the way they measure Earth's temperatures. This study focuses on the effects of the way ocean temperatures are taken. The old way, going back generations, is with ships. Sometimes people would dip a bucket in the way; other times they'd measure water that came

comparable numbers, NOAA increases the buoy temperatures a bit.

A few years ago NOAA made similar adjustments to make land temperatures more comparable decade-to-decade. But that also caused some non-scientists who reject climate change to cry tam-

A few years ago, a group out of University of California Berkeley — funded in part by the Charles Koch Foundation, whose founder is a major funder of climate doubter groups and the tea party — took what was initially billed as a skeptical look at the previous NOAA data. But they pronounced the



In this Sept. 7, 2004 file photo, an unidentified woman shields her face from the sun while walking past a water fountain in Los Angeles, as temperatures reached a high of 93 degrees. **Associated Press**

into the engine. They also did it at various times of day. The new way is on buoys at the same time of day. Karl said the buoy measurements are more accurate, but can't be compared directly to the ship measurements for a trend without making adjustments, because that would be comparing apples and oranges. So to come up with a trend using

pering. Several outside scientists contacted by The Associated Press said the new and previous adjustments are sound. Kevin Trenberth, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said the new work was "good and careful analysis" but only confirms what most scientists already knew, that there was no such hiatus.

earlier adjustments legitimate. The same scientists now say the new NOAA adjustments are also proper. "NOAA is confirming what we have been saying for some time that the 'hiatus' in global warming is spurious," Berkeley team chief and physicist Richard Muller said in an email. Muller said global warming continues but in "many fits and spurts." □

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## Billy Joel to set record at NYC's MSG

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Billy Joel is about to prove he's the top piano man at Madison Square Garden by beating Elton John's record for the most performances at the famous arena.

Elton John has played 64 shows at the Garden. Joel is poised to tie that record this month, and on July 1, would surpass him at 65 shows.

"There are a lot of venues out there, but only one Madison Square Garden — my home away from home," said Joel, a native of Long Island, New York.

Joel has been performing at the Garden each month since 2014, and promises to do so as long as fans demand it. He's already broken the record for the most consecutive shows, which he originally set in 2006 with 12. Each month, the Garden raises another banner, which now stands



**In this May 9, 2014 file photo, singer Billy Joel performs at Madison Square Garden in New York. Associated Press**

at 17.

Joel is celebrating that milestone by donating the original 2006 "12" banner to the Garden of Dreams Foundation, which will auction off the banner to create scholarships and community projects for more than 275,000 children.

The online Charitybuzz auction began Thursday and will end June 26 at noon EDT.

The winner receives the signed banner and two tickets to a concert. □

## 'Sister Act' is born again: New film in the works

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Musically blessed comedy "Sister Act" is getting a revival, courtesy of Disney.

Producer Ally Sherman and writers Kristen "Kiwi" Smith and Carol McCullah are set to create a new take of the original 1992 film, Disney confirmed on Tuesday. The film is still under development and no further details were released.

"Sister Act" starred Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith and Kathy Najimy in a story about a singer finding sanctuary from mobsters as a nun in a convent; the sequel also starred a young Lauryn Hill.

Sherman produced this year's hit "Cinderella." Smith and McCullah's credits include "Legally Blonde" and "She's the Man."



**In this Aug. 10, 2010 file photo, U.S. actress and producer Whoopi Goldberg performs during a dress rehearsal, as she joins the theatre cast of the musical "Sister Act" at the London Palladium Theatre. Associated Press**

"Sister Act" was also made into a Tony award-winning Broadway musical. □

## Brian Wilson's music genius, mental issues are focus of film

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — With a shuffling gait and wearing jeans, sneakers and a blue plaid shirt that matches his eyes, Brian Wilson is at the center of a Hollywood whirlwind.

This day, he's been rushing to screenings, giving interviews and posing for photos at a Los Angeles hotel as his new biopic prepares to hit theaters on Friday.

"It's a trip," Wilson says.

Ten years in the making, "Love & Mercy" takes an unflinching look at Wilson's powerful creative energy and debilitating mental illness, demystifying the man who created the sunny sounds of the Beach Boys before descending into a dark world of personal demons.

"The first time I watched it, it was like a real test for my emotions," Wilson said in his typical clipped diction. "It portrays me so well that I felt like I was being pushed into the movie."

That meant re-experiencing some of his highest highs and lowest lows. "Love & Mercy" focuses on two formative periods in the musician's life, separated by 20 years. Paul Dano plays the younger Wilson at perhaps the peak of his creative genius, when he stayed behind from the Beach Boys' world tour to create his opus "Pet Sounds."

Feeling confined by surf music and inspired by the Beatles' 1965 album "Rubber Soul," Wilson wanted to expand the Beach Boys' sound and give form to the melodies and harmonies he imagined. He employed an orchestra, climbed inside a piano to plink its strings with a bobby pin, and incorporated everyday sounds like keys jangling or dogs barking into the songs.

Commercially disappointing at first, "Pet Sounds" is now considered one of the most influential compositions in popular music. But it was such a sonic departure that it caused a rift in the band, which exacerbated



**In this Tuesday, June 2, 2015 photo, musician Brian Wilson poses for a portrait during press day for "Love & Mercy" at The Four Seasons in Los Angeles. Associated Press**

an emerging personal crisis for Wilson. He began showing signs of mental illness, hearing cacophonous voices and sounds in his head.

John Cusack plays Wilson in the 1980s, a broken man, heavily medicated and terribly insecure, under constant watch by his Svengali-like psychotherapist, Eugene Landy (Paul Giamatti). While shopping for a Cadillac, the troubled musician forms an instant connection with saleslady Melinda Ledbetter (Elizabeth Banks), who would go on to liberate him from Landy's care and become Wilson's second wife.

Director Bill Pohlad interweaves the two narratives, creating a portrait both painful and triumphant.

"I was looking at how to get into the story in a way that wasn't a typical biopic. I hate that," said Pohlad, a longtime producer whose credits include "Wild" and "12 Years A Slave." "If we were going to do a movie about Brian, I wanted it to be intimate. I wanted to know what this guy was all about."

Wilson and Ledbetter were involved with the making of the film, spending time and sharing personal stories with the director and his cast.

Wilson said he was nervous about the movie and found parts of it upsetting to watch ("Some of it was pretty rough"), but he also came away inspired — re-

minded, perhaps, of that feeling of all-encompassing creativity.

"I can see Paul Dano doing it in the studio, but I cannot remember actually recording in the studio," Wilson said. "It brings back memories, like 'How could I have done that?!'"

"That was probably my favorite week of acting ever," Dano said, "doing those scenes in the studio where he recorded 'Pet Sounds' in the '60s."

Already a guitarist, Dano learned to play piano for the role and also does his own singing on screen.

Though he and Cusack each spent ample time with Wilson, both actors said they gleaned much of their insight into him by listening to his music.

"That's what brought me closest to the character, was playing and singing for sure," Dano said. "He's in his music."

Both actors said they were honored to portray such a sensitive, intuitive and creative character, and that spending time with him was its own source of inspiration and light.

"I also think about a guy who's that free and unmatted, because those people are very important for us," Cusack said. "When you see his music, you see he's a spirit — a celestial spirit that can do anything, his imagination brings it — and we need those north stars." □



# New 'Fifty Shades' book isn't Grey's first time as narrator

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The new EL James book "Grey" shot to the top of Amazon's best-seller list ahead of its June 18 release on the promise it will flip the perspective of her hard-sex "Fifty Shades" story from innocent Anastasia Steele to kinky Christian Grey.

But her hordes of fans may not realize it's not the first time James has explored her massively popular trilogy from Christian's point of view.

The new book, due out on Christian's birthday, began like the previous three erotic novels, as "Twilight" fan fiction using Stephenie Meyer's original characters, hot vampire Edward Cullen and clumsy innocent Isabella Swan. James wrote about 50 pages as an "outtake" from Edward's point of view for a fundraiser that benefited a charity in 2010 as she toiled in the FanFiction.net "Twilight" community of writers under the pen name Snowqueens Icedragon.

"Some material in the book is drawn from that previous work," acknowledged Paul Bogaards, a spokesman for the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group that includes the "Fifty Shades" trilogy's imprint, Vintage Books.

The new book, "Grey: Fifty Shades of Grey as Told by Christian," was announced Monday and comes, James said, in response to numerous fan requests that she tell his side of the story. It's what she reportedly said back in 2010,



In this Feb. 6, 2015 file photo, author EL James attends a special fan screening of "Fifty Shades of Grey" in New York.

Associated Press

when she first wrote from Edward's point of view to help raise money to fight childhood cancer with other fan fiction writers for the nonprofit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

The so-called "EPOV" pages were auctioned off and distributed to donors. Switching perspectives is common among some fan fiction writers, who take on a variety of genres and styles while honoring their favorite books, TV shows, movies and other entertainments.

Readers who made it to the end of the third book in the trilogy, "Fifty Shades Freed," already know that she had teased a chapter written from Christian's point of view, included at the back of the book. That chapter covers Christian's infatuation with the vir-

ginal Ana through their first meeting — and his stalky encounter with her at the hardware store where she works to pick up some tape, rope and cable ties. James' "EPOV" fan fiction for the charity follows a devastated Edward after he introduces Bella to his BDSM lifestyle with six hard lashes from a belt in his playroom. She tells him she loves him.

He realizes he loves her, too, but she doesn't love the hard-core rough stuff and he insists, "She cannot love a monster," wrote Snowqueens.

It's ground already covered, as the title of the new book suggests. Ana's fleeing of Christian after her belt lashings is how "Fifty Shades of Grey," her first book, and the movie starring Jamie Dornan and Da-

kota Johnson, end.

In the auctioned-off work, Edward (later renamed Christian by James) visits his therapist to work out post-traumatic stress brought on by the devastating departure of Bella, complete with flashbacks to his violent upbringing as the son of a crack-addicted prostitute who commits suicide.

The therapist asks him if he has considered a, um, more traditional relationship with his young love interest.

"No, I haven't," he responds.

"Why not?"

"Because it's never occurred to me that I could," he explains.

The flipped fan fic includes plenty of salty language, lovemaking and F-bombs like the three "Fifty" books. After Bella leaves, Edward

decides on a campaign to win her back, but "deep down I wish I had the courage of my convictions. Anxiety unfurls in the depths of my gut.

This has to work. She's my only hope," Snowqueens wrote.

The two heatedly reunite after he offers her a lift to the opening of a friend's photo exhibit in a scene that has Edward nearly taking Bella on the spot after they abruptly leave. He restrains himself with this admonishment: "No! No! Cullen! Not like a cheap hooker in an alley."

Over a bite of dinner, Bella confesses that she had forgotten her safe words to shut Edward down during the belt lashings, her test to see if his most certainly not-vanilla sex world might be her thing, too.

It's unclear whether "Grey" will extend the "Fifty Shades" story beyond the three published books or cover old ground from the new first-person approach. Anne Jamison, an associate professor of English at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, said the "EPOV" outtakes of James' original fan fiction, titled "Master of the Universe," made for a strong calling card when she went in search of a publisher, based on its popularity as an auction item.

Jamison delved deeply into fan fiction for a class segment she taught on the topic at the time James produced the charity work. Jamison recently taught an entire class on fan fic as a visiting professor at her alma mater, Princeton, after putting out her own book in 2013, "Fic: Why Fanfiction is Taking Over the World."

Meyer herself flipped first-person perspectives from her Isabella to her Edward in "Midnight Sun," an unfinished companion novel to the "Twilight" series that she had planned when a partial draft leaked on the Internet in 2008. Meyer put the partial work on her website for all to read and never released it as a book. □



In this Feb. 23, 2015 file photo, Jay-Z arrives at the 2015 Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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## Streaming service Tidal to offer discounts to students

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jay Z's struggling streaming service Tidal is watering down its prices for students.

Tidal announced Wednesday it would offer its \$9.99 service for \$4.99 to those with a "valid .edu email address" in a few weeks. The music platform also offers a premium service with high-fidelity sound for \$19.99, which is reduced to \$9.99 for students. Tidal is trying to get into the

competition against top-performing streaming services that offer discounts to students, including Spotify. Tidal also announced that it will launch a desktop version in addition to its mobile app and a ticket buying system powered by Ticketmaster.

The music and video service is co-owned by Jay Z, Beyonce, Nicki Minaj, Kanye West, Madonna and others. □





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